

Remarks

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 45-46 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U.S. Pate No. 6,701,233.

Applicant herewith files a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 regarding these claims, see attached form PTO/SB/26. It is submitted that the terminal disclaimer avoids the obviousness-type double patenting objection. MPEP § 804.02.

New Claims

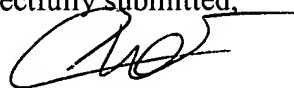
All of the new claims depend from independent claim 45 and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in this case are in a condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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